

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC,

FOR THE

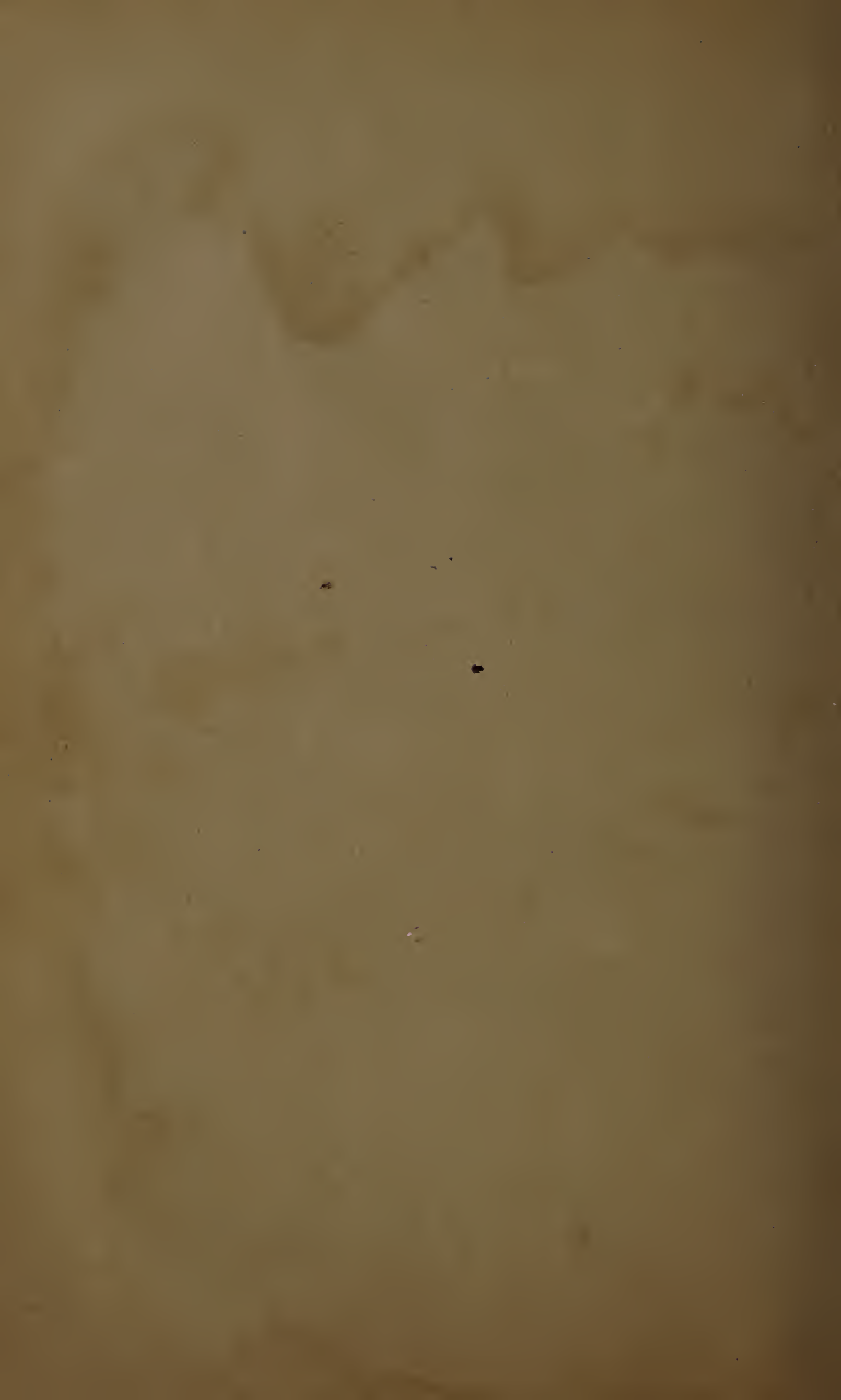
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ARTICLES IN WARRANT

FOR

Annual Meeting, Monday, March 6, 1882,

AT ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 4. To choose a Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and fix the compensation for collection.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the town for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations for the same.

Art. 6. To choose one School Committee for three years.

Art. 7. To choose two Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Art. 8. To bring in their votes by ballot,—yes or no,—on the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

Art. 9. On petition of H. O. Delano and others, "To see if the town will vote to purchase a steam fire-engine, and a suitable amount of hose to use with the same, for the purpose of extinguishing fires, and make appropriations for the same." *Also*, "To see if the town will vote to place a suitable fire-alarm upon the Town-house, and to choose all necessary committees to carry your action on this article into effect."

Art. 10. On petition of C. H. Palmer, Jr., and others, "To see if the town will vote to instruct the board of Selectmen to act in unison with the board of Commissioners appointed by the Superior Court, in regard to the abatement of a certain nuisance between Main and Green Streets"

Art. 11. On petition of I. B. Little, Wm. H. Haskell, and others, "To see what action the town will take towards placing upon the walls of Sargent Hall a portrait of Wm. P. Sargent, Esq., of Boston, the donor of the Hall."

Art. 12. On petition of Alex. Smart and others, to see if the town will appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars, to be expended under the direction of Post 114, G. A. R., for the proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30th, 1882.

Art. 13. On petition to see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town offices and vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

Art. 14. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to location and plans for a new School House, and act thereon.

Art. 15. To choose Constables.

Art. 16. To choose Highway Surveyors.

Art. 17. To choose Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Art. 18. To choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

Art. 19. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Art. 20. To act on the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 21. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money if necessary under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 22. To see what discount if any the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes and to fix the time for the payment of taxes.

Art. 23. To see whether the town will charge interest on unpaid taxes and if so to pass the necessary votes in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will accept the following streets, as laid out by the Selectmen, namely : Washington Avenue, running from Main street to near the house of D. M. Means ; Grove street running from the street above mentioned to intersect with Ceerry street, and a street running from near the house of J. W. Chase, on Church street, through land of J. A. Nichols and others.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to lay granite crossings across Main and Church streets, at such points as will seem best to suit public convenience.

Art. 26. To see what measures the town will take towaads providing additional accommodations for the Public Library, and make the necessary appropriations therefor.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to restrain neat cattle and horse kind from running at large.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS AT MERRIMAC CENTER—TEACHERS' PAY.

HIGH SCHOOL.

F. Wiggin, principal,	\$950 00	
Ellen Gunnison, assistant,	120 00	
Helen K. Spofford, assistant,	238 75	
	— — —	\$1308 75

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Annie E. Edwards,	\$114 00	
Etta L. Bailey,	192 50	
	— — —	306 50

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Hattie E. Sargent,	\$201 25	
Mary Ella Hoyt,	87 50	
	— — —	288 75

FIRST PRIMARY.

Carrie M. Evans,		240 00
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SECOND PRIMARY.

Mary Ella Hoyt,	\$172 50	
L. A. Sherman,	67 50	
	— — —	240 00

MUSIC TEACHER.

S. C. Larkin,		33 00
		— — —
		\$2417 00

INCIDENTALS.

J. P. Ranson,	repairs,	\$6 32	
Wm. Jones,	"	10 50	
Frank H. True,	"	2 75	
H. J. Cushing,	"	4 72	
F. Wiggin,	"	8 00	
D. E. Wadleigh,	"	1 80	
Heath Bros.,	"	51 56	
Jas. Lawton,	labor,	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$95 65
Bayley & Perkins,	lumber,	\$22 82	
E. H. Nichols & Co.,	printing,	4 50	
C. H. DeLoid,	supplies,	5 86	
J. D. Pike,	"	24	
G. G. Davis,	"	1 18	
J. H. Cleary,	"	7 74	
Universalist Society,	rent of instrument,	33 00	
T. L. Goodwin,	"	16 00	
		<hr/>	91 34
S. S. Blodgett,	coal,	\$102 74	
J. E. Currier,	wood,	7 25	
E. Sheridan,	sawing wood,	3 25	
		<hr/>	113 24
Eddie R. Fourtin,	care of room,	\$44 70	
Frank Sargent,	"	2 80	
John A. Heath,	"	12 00	
W. L. Smart,	"	31 25	
Mrs. Lawton,	cleaning room,	14 00	
		<hr/>	104 75
			<hr/>
			\$404 98
Teachers' pay,			2,417 00
			<hr/>
			\$2,821 98

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NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Josephine L. Oak, teacher,	\$175 50
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INCIDENTALS.

Heath Bros., labor and stock,	\$35 62	
C. H. DeLoid, supplies,	56 92	
J. L. Hammett, "	3 25	
F. H. True, clock,	1 50	
N. E. School Furnishing Co.,	127 10	
B. & M. R. R., freight,	2 22	
	<hr/>	226 61
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	\$8 00	
J. W. Colby, wood,	3 00	
J. Lawton, sawing wood,	1 00	
	<hr/>	12 00
Herbert C. Colby, care of room,	\$10 00	
Mrs. Connell, cleaning room,	1 60	
	<hr/>	11 60
Elmer P. Sargent, treas., rent Mech. Hall,		40 00
Total expense of New Primary School,		<hr/> \$465 71
Total expense of schools at Center,		<hr/> \$3,287 69

MERRIMACPORT SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS' PAY.

Edwin L. Bailey, Grammar,	\$425 00
N. Florence Carleton, Intermediate,	255 75
Annie M. Collins, Primary,	240 00
	<hr/> \$920 75

INCIDENTALS.

Heath Bros., repairs,	\$30 62
Hamilton & Noyes, "	9 00

I. W. Hughes, repairs,	\$5 05	
Wm. Jones, "	9 37	
Henry Haskell, sundries,	22 65	
Bayley & Perkins, lumber,	37 48	
	<hr/>	\$114 17
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	\$4 22	
C. H. DeLoid, "	40 75	
	<hr/>	44 97
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	\$80 58	
J. W. Colby, wood,	4 00	
B. F. Parker, cutting wood,	1 00	
	<hr/>	85 58
W. S. Tuckwell, care of house,	\$13 44	
Bayley Bros., "	16 80	
	<hr/>	30 24
	<hr/>	
Total expense for schools at Mer'port,		\$1195 71

BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

TEACHER'S PAY.

Leon O. Williams,	\$288 75
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INCIDENTALS.

M. S. Gibbs, repairs,	\$8 55	
C. H. DeLoid, "	2 70	
Heath Bros., "	1 75	
H. J. Cushing, "	50	
I. & B. Chapman, "	10 10	
D. A. Moulton, supplies,	6 17	
J. D. Pike, "	56	
C. H. DeLoid, "	2 96	
Smith Quimby, labor,	3 00	
	<hr/>	36 29

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Geo. W. Sargent, wood,	\$17 50	
Bertie Sawyer, sawing wood,	50	
Herbert C. Gray, “	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$19 25
Bertie Sawyer, care of room,	\$7 60	
Herbert C. Gray, “	4 00	
	<hr/>	11 60
Total,		<hr/> \$355 89

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL.

TEACHERS' PAY.

Hattie L. Thorn,	\$23 10	
Bessie A. Veal,	107 80	
	<hr/>	\$130 90

INCIDENTALS.

Heath Bros., repairs,	83	
L. E. Bancroft, wood,	\$5 00	
Geo. Jenkins, sawing wood,	2 50	
	<hr/>	7 50
Annie E. Jenkins, care of room,	8 40	
	<hr/>	147 63

BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

TEACHER'S PAY.

Lina A. Sherman,	\$132 00
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INCIDENTALS.

Calvin Sargent, repairs,	\$1 00	
F. H. True, repairing clock,	1 00	
	<hr/>	2 00

J. E. Currier, wood,	\$5 75	
M. Warner Thompson, sawing wood,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$7 50
M. Warner Thompson, care of room,		5 35
Total,		<hr/> \$146 85

GENERAL SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

J. L. Hammett, supplies,	\$41 87	
J. K. Hall & Co., paper,	14 71	
Arthur H. Hall, paper,	3 60	
H. J. Cushing, sundries,	5 29	
E. W. Ricker, stationery, books, &c.,	24 34	
Taintor Bros., Merrill, & Co., books,	3 00	
	<hr/>	92 81
Total for schools,		<hr/> \$5,226 58

Appropriation,	\$4,850 00	
Income Mass. school fund,	189 05	
Dog money,	127 04	
Tuition fees,	31 70	
Books sold,	1 40	
Returned by school committee, overpaid,	7 84	
	<hr/>	5,207 03
Overdrawn,		19 55
		<hr/> \$5,226 58

 POOR ACCOUNT.

SUPPORT OF DOLLY SARGENT.

Paid town of Amesbury, board, 1 year, \$104 00

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Paid town of Amesbury, extra care,	\$54 75	
" " med. and med. att., 1	20	
	<hr/>	\$159 95

SUPPORT OF ELIZA PATTEN.

Paid town of Amesbury, board, 1 year,	104 00
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MILITARY SETTLEMENTS.

Paid town of Amesbury, support of		
McCabe children,	\$60 80	
Paid town of Amesbury, support of		
Mrs. Laroche,	41 60	
	<hr/>	102 40
Total paid town of Amesbury,		<hr/> \$366 35

Paid city of Newburyport, supplies to	
Caroline Sargent,	12 25
Paid Alice Riley, board of Mrs. Clooney,	12 00
Mary Pressey, house rent, Smith Quimby,	52 00
C. E. Rowell, supplies to Warren Bailey,	1 80
A. P. Chaples, board of Ann M. Waining,	104 00
S. S. Blodgett, supplies to J. S. Luce,	8 00

SUPPORT OF WM. ADDISON AND FAMILY.

H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	\$14 00	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	5 73	
Blaisdell & Huntington, coal,	2 55	
J. B. Heath, burial expenses of child,	6 25	
	<hr/>	28 53

SUPPORT OF J. L. ADDISON'S FAMILY.

H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	\$15 25	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	1 83	
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	3 75	
J. D. Pike, supplies,	6 00	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	3 72	
	<hr/>	\$30 55

SUPPORT OF R. S. PATTEN.

C. C. Rowell,	supplies,	\$83 49	
Blaisdell & Huntington,	coal,	31 50	
J. W. Colby,	wood,	5 00	
		<hr/>	119 99

SUPPORT OF MARY ANN SARGENT.

Blaisdell & Huntington,	coal,	\$39 85	
J. H. Cleary,	supplies,	4 94	
A. M. Lang,	"	8 30	
		<hr/>	53 09

SUPPORT OF SARAH NOON.

H. J. Cushing,	medical attendance,	\$29 95	
F. L. Parker,	medicine,	8 95	
Margaret Burke,	care,	10 00	
J. D. Pike,	supplies,	1 45	
M. Edwards,	"	80	
J. B. Heath,	burial expenses,	16 50	
		<hr/>	67 65

SUPPORT OF ALFRED C. HOYT.

Paid Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board	
and clothes,	\$210 71

SUPPORT OF MARY M'COOL.

H. J. Cushing,	medical attendance,	\$6 00	
E. P. White,	" "	2 00	
W. H. Gerrish,	" "	1 00	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	board,	17 54	
		<hr/>	\$26 54

Paid Danvers Lunatic Hospital, for support of patient (for which town treasurer has since rec'd full pay't), \$74 28

EXPENSE AT LOCKUP.

J. B. Heath, supplies, 55

RELIEF TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

John Jenkins,	83 20	
James Roe,	104 23	
	<hr/>	187 43
Total for Poor,		<hr/> \$1,355 72

Deduct from this

Due from State on account of State paupers,	\$13 80	
" W. Newbury on Addison children,	30 55	
" Estate A. C. Hoyt,	126 67	
" State for Indigent Soldiers,	91 21	
Received from Amesbury, account Jenkins,	26 46	
" for expense Inmate at Danvers,	74 28	
	<hr/>	362 79
Balance Expense maintaining Poor,		<hr/> \$992 75
Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Unexpended,	207 25	
	<hr/>	992

*HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**District No. 1—John L. Merrill, Surveyor.*

Expended by Surveyor,	\$570 33	
J. E. Currier,	19 20	
D. E. Wadleigh,	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$590 83

EXPENSES ON SIDEWALKS, PAVING, &c.

G. L. Harriman, setting edgestone,	\$10 75	
“ “ Paving on School and Main		
Sts.,	153 91	
Fiske & Coleman, sewer pipe,	9 50	
Anscom Bros., “	10 50	
B. & M. R. R. freight on sewer pipe,	3 84	
L. E. Bancroft, labor,	1 35	
B. H. Battis “	2 10	
I. B. Little, sidewalk,	10 00	
Heath Bros., “	1 17	
	<hr/>	203 12
		<hr/>
		\$793 95

Ordinary Repairs,	\$590 83
Apportionment,	550 00
	<hr/>
Overdrawn,	\$40 83

REMOVING SNOW.

J. E. Currier, bill 1880,	\$105 00	
L. E. Bancroft,	2 85	
J. L. Merrill,	142 10	
W. H. Blodgett,	1 50	
	<hr/>	251 45

District No. 2.—M. Stevens, Surveyor.

Expended by Surveyor,	\$404 00	
J. L. Blaisdell,	27 12	
	<hr/>	\$431 12

EXPENSE ON PAVING, BRIDGES, RAILING, &c.

D. D. Chase & Son, Lumber,	\$20 29	
Newell Boyd, Posts and Rails,	31 60	
M. Stevens, Bridges, &c.,	43 96	
G. L. Harriman, paving,	186 00	
Heath Bros., Lumber,	1 90	
	<hr/>	283 75
		<hr/>
		\$714 87

Ordinary Repairs,	\$431 12	
Apportionment,	350 00	
	<hr/>	
Overdrawn,	\$81 12	

REMOVING SNOW.

M. Stevens, bill 1880,	\$33 40	
M. Stevens,	151 37	
	<hr/>	184 77

District No. 3.—O. T. Batchelder, Surveyor,

Expended by Surveyor,	\$310 95	
	<hr/>	310 95

EXPENSE ON BRIDGES, RAILING, &c.

O. T. Batchelder,	\$35 80	
D. A. Moulton,	1 22	
	<hr/>	37 02
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		\$347 97

Ordinary Repairs,	\$310 95	
Apportionment,	250 00	
	<hr/>	
Overdrawn,	\$60 95	

REMOVING SNOW.

J. Jenkins bill, 1880,	\$3 00	
R. H. Sargent, "	12 57	
O T. Batchelder,	74 60	
	<hr/>	\$90 17

District No. 4—J. C. Tucker, Surveyor.

Expended by Surveyor,	\$149 90	149 90
Apportionment,	150 00	
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Balance unexpended,	10	

REMOVING SNOW.

J. C. Tucker bill, 1880,	\$15 00	
" " " "	49 48	
	<hr/>	64 48

EXPENSE OF NEW ROAD NEAR DEPOT.

J. L. Blaisdell, labor,	\$1 75	
W. H. Blodgett, "	35 50	
John Sheridan, "	5 40	
Edmund Sheridan, labor,	6 00	
C. E. Gunnison, stone,	4 00	
Bailey Sargent, covering stone,	6 00	
O. W. Little, grating,	8 48	
Estate of S. H. Dorsett, land damage,	75 00	
	<hr/>	315 38

GRANITE CROSSINGS.

George L. Harriman,	\$315 38
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PAID TOWN OF AMESBURY.

Repairs on Rocks Bridge,	\$100 78	
“ Essex Merrimac Bridge,	103 10	
	<hr/>	\$203 88
Total Highway account,		<hr/> \$3,432 62
Appropriation,	\$1,800 00	
For Crossings,	200 00	
	<hr/>	2,000 00
Overdrawn,		1,432 62
		<hr/> \$3,432 62

EXTRA EXPENSES IN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

New street,	\$315 38	
Street Crossings,	315 80	
Paving,	339 91	
Railing, Bridges, &c.,	142 87	
	<hr/>	1,113 96

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES ON SARGENT HALL.

F. H. True, care of clock 2 years,	\$50 00	
W. H. Brewster, insurance,	54 00	
Bailey Sargent, “	60 75	
J. V. Holt, book case,	50 00	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	14 98	
C. H. DeLoid, “	3 12	
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	26 43	
George Woodman, charcoal,	4 50	
Heath Bros., repairs,	1 94	
Wm. Jones, “	14 10	
M. S. Gibbs, “	2 50	
W. B. Chapman, repairs,	7 21	
R. A. Sargent, janitor,	38 00	
	<hr/>	327 53

C. C. Morse & Son, printing town re-	
ports,	\$55 20
Villager office, warrants and notices,	23 50
F. H. True, vaccination certificates,	2 00
“ “ notices,	1 00
“ “ tax bills,	4 00
C. K. Darling, stationery,	4 45
T. Groom & Co., tax books,	1 50
Bailey Sargent, census of scholars and	
postage,	7 93
J. B. Heath, return of deaths,	6 00
“ notifying town officers,	2 00
O. W. Little, express,	1 50
C. E. Little, horse hire,	20 50
J. J. Woodman care of lower cemetery,	8 00
W. B. Chapman, repairs at watering	
trough,	11 82
C. H. DeLoid, repairs at watering trough,	3 40
C. E. Rowell, supplies for street lamp,	2 84
J. A. Perry, fixtures for street lamp,	1 00
I. W. Hughes, guide board and setting,	2 50
D. M. Means, guide boards and lettering,	6 10
H. J. Cushing, vaccinating school ehildren,	41 85
W. Jones, glass and setting, 4th July dam-	
ages, 1880,	4 50
Wm. H. Thomas, glass and setting,	
4th July damages,	6 08
T. H. Hoyt, services and expenses, Webster	
liquor case,	10 00
J. P. Taggart, “ “ “	25 00
J. Oak, teams, “ “ “	3 00

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Post 114, G. A. R., Memorial Day,	\$75 00	
Town of Amesbury, land for cemetery,	127 20	
	<hr/>	\$457 87

GARFIELD OBSEQUIES.

A. M. Lang, goods,	\$5 41	
Little & Larkin, goods,	46 77	
D. A. Moulton, lumber,	4 68	
W. H. Thomas, labor,	1 00	
E. H. Nichols, printing,	8 00	
D. J. Poore, Ribbon,	2 00	
T. L. Goodwin, removing Trimming,	1 00	
	<hr/>	68 86
Total,		<hr/> \$854 26

APPROPRIATIONS.

Miscellaneous,	\$600 00	
Liquor Cases,	100 00	
Memorial Day,	75 00	
	<hr/>	775 00
Overdrawn,		79 26
Total,		<hr/> \$854 26

PLANS OF TOWN.

Paid J. T. Desmond for survey and plans of town,	\$300 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Paid Niagara Engine Co.,	503 10	
Agile Engine Co.,	475 00	
	<hr/>	978 10
Unexpended balance,		21 90
		<hr/> \$1,000 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Paid Wm. H. Hubbard, Treas.,	500 00

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i> Deposit in Savings Bank,	\$181 68	
Received from sale of lots,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$241 68
<i>Cr.</i> Cash paid for improvements,	\$40 07	
" J. B. Heath, services,	4 43	
Balance deposit in Savings Bank,	197 18	
	<hr/>	241 68

STATE AID.

Ann Edwards,	\$48 00	
Harriet C. Flanders,	48 00	
T. S. Bradley,	18 00	
Wm. F. Martins,	72 00	
Hannah P. Tozier,	48 00	
Rebecca Kennett,	43 00	
George F. Bailey,	36 00	
Mary E. G. Gay,	48 00	
	<hr/>	366 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. N. Sargent, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	\$200 00	
Albert Sargent, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	125 00	
Phineas Chase, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	125 00	
Henry Haskell, School Committee,	50	
H. J. Cushing, " "	50	
Thos H. Hoyt, " "	50	
Bailey Sargent, Treasurer and Collector,	214 31	
" " Town Clerk,	67 60	
" " Constable, warning meet- ings,	12 00	
	<hr/>	893 91

Appropriation,	\$800 00	
Overdrawn,	. 93 91	
	<hr/>	\$893 91

POLICE.

John B. Heath,	\$60 00	
John P. Taggart,	40 00	
P. J. Neal,	25 00	
G. A. Grant,	7 00	
	<hr/>	132 00

SCHOOL BOOKS FURNISHED BY COMMITTEE.

W. Thompson,	\$ 87	
McQuade,	87	
J. O'Brien,	65	
J. Rowell,	2 25	
A. M. Webster,	22	
J. Jenkins,	75	
	<hr/>	\$5 61

REPORT OF THE JANITOR OF SARGENT HALL.

The hall has been opened during the year twenty-four times as follows :

Town meeting,	3	
Caucuses,	4	
School purposes,	4	
Entertainments,	7	
Miscellaneous,	6	
	<hr/>	24
Cash received for use of hall,		\$61 00

R. A. SARGENT, Janitor.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORT.

Drunkenness,	2
Assault,	8
Larceny,	2
Disturbance,	1
Adultery,	1
Embezzlement,	1
Tramps,	3
Liquor Nuisance,	1
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	19
Search and seizure,	1
Committed to jail,	3
Called to quell disturbance,	32
Number of calls when liquor was the cause,	20

JOHN B. HEATH,
 PHILIP J. NEAL,
 JOHN P. TAGGART, } Police.

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Note to order of Town Treasurer, ac-	
count of Poyen property.	\$500 00
" Interest on same,	27 50
" Town of Amesbury 2-5 interest on	
Notes and Bonds,	880 00
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Total,	\$1,407 50

ABATEMENTS.

Two-fifths Amesbury's old lists,	\$32 66
Collector's list for 1876,	9 00
" " 1877,	16 00
" " 1878,	48 48
" " 1879,	41 46

Collector's list for 1880,	\$86 65	
" " 1881,	40 49	
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Total,	\$274 74	
Interest,	907 50	
Discount,	622 44	
	<hr/>	\$1,804 68
Appropriation,	\$1,600 00	
Overdrawn,	204 68	
	<hr/>	1,804 68

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

1881.	<i>Dr.</i>	
March 1. To uncollected taxes,	\$3,508 38	
" cash.	3,153 15	
	<hr/>	\$6,661 53
May 9th. Received of G. L. Harriman		
for stone,	\$ 75	
Dec. 10. Rec'd of State Treas. Corp. tax,	263 19	
	Nat. Bk. tax, 267 89	
	State Aid, 222 12	
	Indigent Sol. 390 00	
	Act. St. paup. 19 93	
	<hr/>	1,163 68
1882.		
Jan. 10. Rec'd of County Treas., Dog money,	127 04	
23. Rec'd of J. E. Currier for stone,	3.00	
26. State Treas. Income School Fund,	189 05	
Feb. 14. School Com books sold, \$1 40		
	Tuition fees, 31 70	
	overcharged,	
	by error, 7 84	
	<hr/>	40 94

Received for support of patient at Dan. Asy.	\$74 28
of A. C. Hoyt's est. sup. at "	200 72
W. N., support of Addison children,	30 55
Received of Town of Amesbury, bal. Bank and	
Corp. taxes,	\$71 45
Town of Amesbury, ac. J.	
Jenkins,	26 46
Town of Amesbury, 2-5 old	
taxes,	17 19
	<hr/> 115 10
1st Nat. Bank, 1 year's rent, \$275 00	
G. E. Ricker. 1 year's rent, 250 00	
R. A. Sargent, 1 year's rent, 225 00	
Janitor Sargent Hall,	61 00
	<hr/> 811 00
Interest on taxes,	46 02
Tax List 1881, committed for collection, \$16,784 73	
Reassessments,	77 93
	<hr/> 16,862 66
	<hr/> \$26,325 57

Cr.

By paid State Tax,	\$840 00
“ County Tax,	914 39
“ National Bank Tax,	1,069 51
“ Selectmen’s orders,	16,316 82
By uncollected Taxes, 1878,	105 78
“ “ 1879,	240 22
“ “ 1880,	646 42
“ “ 1881,	2,964 88
Cash on hand,	3,227 55
	<u>26,325,57</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The town is indebted as follows :

Two-fifths Amesbury Bonds,	\$8,000 00	
Interest,	100 00	
Two-fifths Amesbury notes,	8,000 00	
Interest,	80 00	
Engine Companies,	750 80	
Outstanding demands,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$17,180 00

Cr.

Due from State for State and Milit'y Aid,	\$457 22	
“ “ “ “ paupers,	87 73	
Due from Newburyport for P. Whalen,	7 75	
“ “ Alfred C. Hoyt estate,	53 76	
Uncollected Taxes,	3,957 30	
Cash in hand of Town Treasurer,	3,227 55	
	<hr/>	7,791 31
Town Debt, March 1, 1882,	\$9,388 69	
“ “ March 1, 1881,	10,094 80	
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Reduction of debt,	\$706 11	

E. N. SARGENT,	} Selectmen of Merrimac.
ALBERT SARGENT,	
PHINEAS CHASE,	

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	\$ 5,226 58
Poor,	1,355 72
Highways,	3,432 62
Miscellaneous,	1,154 26
State Aid,	366 00

Public Library,	\$500 00
Fire Department,	978 10
Town officers and police,	1,025 91
Notes and Interest,	1,407 50
School books,	5 61
Abatements and discounts,	864 52
	—————\$16,316 82

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

Valuation of real estate,	\$702,830 00
Valuation of personal property,	396,916 00
	—————\$1,099,746 00

Number of polls, 691.

Rate on polls, \$2.00.

Rate of taxation, \$13 per \$1,000.

Total tax assessed,	\$15,678 69
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Non-resident bank valuation,	85,080 00
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Tax on same,	1,106 04
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Number of acres land,	4,979
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“ dwellings,	425
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“ horses,	258
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“ cows,	195
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“ sheep,	41
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SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Sargent Hall,	\$20,000 00
Schoolhouses,	18,000 00
Public Library,	2,500 00
Fire apparatus,	2,000 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Cemeteries, hearse, and hearsehouse,	\$1,700 00
Town-landings, lockup, &c.,	300 00
Town standards,	150 00
Law reports,	325 00
	<hr/> \$44,975 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

Nearly sixteen thousand volumes have been taken out of the library during the past year. Some of the books show that they have had hard usage. Books are for the use of the many, not for the abuse of the few. We have charity to believe, that any injury which books may have received during the past year has been due to carelessness or thoughtlessness. Please do not let small children have the valuable illustrated volumes of the library to keep them quiet. Please do not mark with pencil or ink in margin of books. Please do not mark the end of your reading by turning down a corner of the page. Please do not bend the books back to back: it breaks the binding, and costs the town nearly fifty dollars a year to make good the destruction. The State imposes penalties for the careless or wanton injury of books belonging to free public libraries. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Many of the shelves in the library are more than full of books. This year, we recommend a special appropriation of two hundred dollars, for putting in additional shelves in the library, the new shelving to be in harmony with the style of shelving already in the library. We ask of the town an appropriation of five hundred dollars, for new books and expenses of the library of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the trustees,

W. H. HUBBARD, Secretary.

EDMUND N. SARGENT	}	
GEORGE ADAMS,		
WILLIAM CHASE,		
DR. JAMES R. NICHOLS	}	Trustees
W. H. HUBBARD,		of
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,		Public Library.
ISAAC B. LITTLE,	}	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending March 1, 1882. Merrimac Public Library in account with Wm. H. Hubbard, Treasurer.

Dr.

To cash paid for binding books,	\$43 65	
" for printing,	19 05	
" expressage, 1880-81,	7 85	
" Librarian,	175 00	
" books and magazines,	295 76	
	<hr/>	\$541 31
To cash on hand.		3 75
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		\$545 06

Cr.

By cash on hand March 1, 1881,	\$3 44	
received from Good Company,	1 25	
" for binding of books,	1 50	
" for lost book,	1 00	
" from fines,	37 87	
" town appropriation,	500 00	
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Respectfully submitted in behalf of the trustees,

WM. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

In presenting this the sixth annual report of the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Merrimac, it gives us pleasure to be able to state that the school year, now closing, has been eminently successful, considering the changes which the committee have been obliged to make in teachers, owing to the resignation of others.

The committee believe in the theory of continuance of teachers when they can possibly do so.

The committee feeling the past year that the time had come for raising the grade of the schools, have concluded to do so, and for that reason there will be no graduating class from the High School the coming year, hoping thereby to bring our schools to a higher standard.

Many thanks are due to the people of Merrimac for their hospitality to the members of the Teachers' Institute which met here last fall, and was of incalculable value, not only to the teachers and schools, but to the citizens generally.

Owing to the crowded state of the schools, the Town, last March, chose the Selectmen of the Town, in company with the School Committee, to provide a temporary place for a primary school, and all the place they could find was the basement of

Mechanics' Hall, and furnished it with furniture, which will be suitable for any new building the Town may see fit to build.

The appropriation for this school was \$350, but the expenses have been as follows :

For furnishing the room, rent, etc., \$288.96, and the teacher's pay \$175.50, making an overdraw on that appropriation, \$114.46.

Before making the appropriations, the committee ask a special consideration of an increase in the length of the schools.

They have all been kept the past year same as heretofore, except the Primaries which have been lengthened one week.

The incidentals will not in all probability be any larger for a year to come than for a year past, so we think that with an addition of \$300 over last year, with the new school we can continue them longer than ever before.

Therefore the committee recommend an appropriation of at least \$4,800.

H. HASKELL,	}	School Committee.
H. J. CUSHING,		
T. H. HOYT,		

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

PRINCIPAL, FRANK WIGGIN.

ASSISTANTS,	{	MISS ELLEN GUNNISON,
		MISS HELEN SPOFFORD,

The usual good character of the school for discipline and thorough instruction has been maintained this year. The teachers are interested and successful in their work. The scholars are showing commendable zeal in their studies.

In this school as in all others, where progress is dependent upon individual labor, some accomplish less from a want of

application and through absenteeism, and fall behind in the race. The committee and teachers are doing all they can to keep this number to the minimum, and ask the aid of parents in this direction as well as in others.

At the close of the summer term Miss Ellen Gunnison resigned. She was doing valuable work, and we were very sorry to have her leave.

The new assistant, Miss Helen Spofford, a young lady of culture and amiability, is working faithfully, and meeting with commendable success.

Notwithstanding the fact that many who enter the school do not remain to graduate, the Committee, after careful consideration, and by the earnest request of many parents, have raised the course of study one year. For this reason, the standard of admission to the High School has been advanced one year, to take effect next summer.

The Graduating Class of last year numbered fourteen, five boys, and nine girls. Their names can be found in another part of this report.

The school will close with a public examination the 17th of March.

MERRIMAC GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS ANNIE E. EDWARDS, }
MRS. ETTA L. BAILEY, } TEACHERS.

The summer term was taught by Miss Edwards who continued to maintain her favorable reputation as a teacher. The class which left this school at the close of the summer term to enter the High School in the fall, was a very good one. During the summer vacation Miss Edwards having accepted the offer of a position in the schools of Brookline, tendered her resignation. The school opened in September under the care of Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Bailey has manifested a good de-

gree of interest in the school, and has labored faithfully to discharge her duties. Under her instruction many of the scholars have made fair progress in their studies. The general character and appearance of the school would have been improved if the discipline had been of a higher order, and the teacher more exacting in her requirements of the pupils as regards thoroughness in their studies.

MERRIMAC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS HATTIE E. SARGENT, } Teachers.
MISS MARY E. HOYT, }

Miss Sargent continued to teach this school until the close of the fall term, at which time she resigned. Miss Sargent excels in her methods of teaching ; but the progress of the school has been somewhat checked by frequent manifestations of a spirit of insubordination on the part of some of the scholars, and also by the admission into the school of a number of scholars, who were hardly qualified to enter. Miss Hoyt was promoted from the 2nd Primary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Sargent, and the school was under her charge the rest of the year.

MERRIMAC FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS CARRIE EVANS, Teacher.

Miss Evans has taught this school over two years with increasing success. Rarely do we find a teacher more devoted to her school work.

By her zeal, faithfulness, and efforts to please, she has gained the love of her scholars, and the respect of the parents. She seems to realize that a thorough and careful training is nowhere needed more than in a primary school. Good order is maintained. The different examinations of the year have been good, and have showed commendable progress.

MERRIMAC SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS ELLA HOYT, } Teachers.
MISS LINA SHERMAN, }

The patience and skill necessary to teach a primary school have been quite marked in this school. The general management and progress have been excellent. The quietness and cheerful obedience of the little ones and the gentleness of the teachers have made the school life here happy and contented, as well as progressive.

Miss Sherman took this school at Thanksgiving at which time Miss Hoyt was promoted to the Intermediate school to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of that teacher.

Supplementary reading has been introduced into this room. The reason is that it is more profitable for little scholars to read different books than to read one so many times.

MERRIMAC THIRD PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS JOSEPHINE L. OAK, TEACHER.

This school was opened late in the spring with twenty-one scholars. At the close of the school for the year, the number of names upon the roll of scholars was forty-four.

This was Miss Oak's first experience in teaching. By her care and management of the little people belonging to the school, she has shown that she is well qualified to have them under her charge.

The kindly feeling between teacher and scholars, so necessary in a school of this grade, has contributed to its success.

MERRIMACPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MR. EDWIN S. BAILEY, TEACHER.

The committee were unable to again procure the services of Mr. Jones, whom the school loved so dearly, and the public liked so generally, but were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Bailey, who came to the committee well re-

commended. Mr. Bailey has proved himself equal to the position, the school has improved generally, good order has been maintained, and the usual branches of a school of this grade have been pursued. At the examination at the close of the year there was a goodly number of the friends of the school present, and the exercises passed off in a very satisfactory manner.

MERRIMACPORT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS N. FLORENCE CARLETON, TEACHER.

This school, also, like the Grammar, has been obliged to change teachers, owing to the removal of Mrs. Tuson from town.

The committee secured the services of Miss Carleton, who came to us having the advantages of a normal school education.

The school has probably never had a more faithful, conscientious, earnest worker than during the past year; and, though there may have been no outward demonstration of the real work done, the committee feel that most valuable and faithful service has been rendered, and that the teacher can look back upon her labor with the consciousness of having done her whole duty.

A large number of friends and parents were present at the closing examination.

MERRIMACPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS ANNIE M. COLLINS, TEACHER.

This school has been very successful through the year, considering the inroads which have been made upon it by diseases, which have been very prevalent throughout the year to scholars of that age.

There seems to be a sympathy between teacher and schol-

ars, and her manner is well adapted to pupils of that age ; yet her discipline is good, and the progress of the school satisfactory.

The room has been thoroughly refitted the past year with a new floor, new stove, &c.,—which it needed very much,—and is now as comfortable as any room in the village.

BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

MR. LEON WILLIAMS, TEACHER.

The teacher has labored very faithfully to make his school a prosperous one, and his efforts have been quite successful. His discipline has been excellent, his instruction thorough. His methods have been somewhat original, and attended with good results. Mr. Williams has been teaching this school two years, and we would be glad to retain him longer ; but he leaves to pursue his college studies.

The committee were much pleased, at the closing examination, with the thoroughness and promptness manifested. A few showed the bad results coming from irregular attendance. This superficiality and want of progress cannot be attributed to the teacher : it is simply that they have not been sent to school enough to learn as they ought.

BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

MISS LINA SHERMAN, TEACHER.

It was the good fortune of this school to be under the charge of Miss Sherman during the year.

The discipline has been the best, and seems to have been attained by the teacher with little effort.

The standard of the teacher in her requirements of the pupils, as regards scholarship, has been high, and, to a large extent, realized.

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL.

MISS HATTIE THORN, } Teachers.
MISS BESSIE VEAL, }

Miss Thorn, who had proved an acceptable teacher, was to teach the school this year. After teaching two months, sickness compelled her to resign. Miss Veal, one of our graduates, was engaged to finish the school. Owing to her inexperience, the best methods of instruction have not always been adopted; but what has been lost on this account has in a measure been recovered by her perseverance and fidelity, so that the progress of the school has been quite commendable.

When the school has been visited, the general management and discipline have been good.

The school has been very small—only 12 in the summer and 10 in the fall. It would seem as though so small a number might be regular in attendance; but the per cent of absence has been greater than any other school in town.

GRADUATES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

1881.

George Henry Connor.

Elmer Ellsworth Foster.

John Sylvester Connell.

John Alvin Heath.

William Herbert Fourtin.

Ella Frances Willey.

Sara Arnold Anderson.

Gertrude Woodbury Sargent.

Flora Eleanor Fourtin.

Frances Lunt Sherman.

Frances Anne Murphy.

Etta Hamlin Colby.

Florence Reid Betts.

Fannie Teresa Finn.

TABLE NO. ONE.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER TERM.

Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number of Days in Term.	Number of Times Late.	Number of Scholars over 15 years.	Number of Scholars under 5 year.	Number of Visitors.	Teachers' Wages per Month.
Merrimac High,	62	61 $\frac{5}{6}$	54 $\frac{9}{20}$	89	60	83	32		17	\$100 prin 38 asst
“ Grammar,	32	31 $\frac{3}{2}$	28	90	60	80			16	38
“ Intermediate,	38	37.7	34 5	92	60	63			17	35
“ First Primary,	41	35.2	31.6	90	60	35	1		22	30
“ Second Primary,	37	33	27	82	60	35			32	30
“ Third Primary,	28	25	19	80	35	44			34	25
Merrimacport Grammar,	32	28 $\frac{1}{4}$	24	86	60	63	4		15	50
“ Intermediate,	37	33	31	94	60	38			22	31
“ Primary,	43	32	28 $\frac{1}{6}$	88	60	116			24	30
Bear Hill,	47	46	39	85	60	67		2	17	35
Birch Meadow,	16	14	13	93	60	29			28	22
Highlands,	13	12	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	80	60	73			19	22

TABLE NO. TWO.

STATISTICS OF WINTER TERM.

Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	No. of Days in Term.	No. of Times Late.	Number of Scholars over 15 years.	Number of Scholars un- der 5 years.	Number of Visitors.	Teachers' Wages per Month.
Merrimac High,	55	51 $\frac{1}{3}$	51 $\frac{2}{3}$	99	132	220	27		28	\$100 prin 38 asst
“ Grammar,	36	33.5	30	90	110	174	1		35	35
“ Intermediate,	35	33	30.5	92	105	157			25	35
“ First Primary,	33	31.5	29	92	100	14			32	30
“ Second Primary,	37	33	28	85	100	60			16	30
“ Third Primary,	44	38	32	84	100	108			92	28
Merrimacport Grammar,	36	34	30.5	90	110	96	4		64	50
“ Intermediate,	28	26	23	88	105	44			23	31
“ Primary,	37	29	26	90	100	106			42	30
Bear Hill,	46	36	31	86	105	90		2	32	35
Birch Meadow,	18	16	13	81	60	11			10	22
Highlands,	10	8	6.5	81	60	87	2		10	22

